

Workgroup/Collaborative Updates | October 21, 2016

- The **LAUSD Superintendent Engagement** support for Superintendent Michelle King is ongoing. In September, Superintendent King presented her three-year strategic plan to the Board of Education. The 2016-2017 plan that she presented to the Board included modest revisions from the version that was previously shared in August, including a revised goal to increase the District's graduation rate from 75% to 81% by 2019. Board members provided feedback on the plan, expressing interest in a 100% graduation goal. The Board of Education will formally vote to approve the final version of the plan in October. Once the strategic plan is adopted, Superintendent King will provide a framework for principals and teachers to implement elements of the strategic plan.
- Since the public launch of the **LA College Promise (LACP)** in September, LACP partners have been busy making preparations to welcome the inaugural class of LACP students, who will enter college in the Fall 2017 term. The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) has assembled teams of administrative leaders, faculty, and student support service providers to develop individual campus plans to implement student matriculation procedures, course registration processes, and first-year support services across each of the nine LACCD campuses. On October 14th, teams from L.A. City College, L.A. Mission College, L.A. Southwest College, L.A. Trade Tech College, and West L.A. College held their LACP Implementation Planning retreats. In addition, UNITE-LA and LACCD met to discuss ways to align L.A. Cash for College programming to provide incoming LACP students with financial aid application assistance.
- The **L.A. Regional STEM Hub** participated at The Californians Dedicated to Education Foundation's 2016 California STEM Symposium on the panel titled "Creating STEM Ecosystems" in which Southern California ecosystems provided overviews on their respective STEM networks highlighting the emerging themes, similarities and differences and impact throughout their communities.

The L.A. STEM Hub advisory group continues to convene and has identified two focus areas which have informed the creation of workgroups: professional development and alignment of workforce development. The respective groups will continue to meet to identify outcomes and actionable work plans which seek to advance the Hub's mission over the next 1-2 years.

- The **Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) Collaborative** postponed its bi-monthly Steering Committee call, as the LAUSD 2016-2019 strategic plan has yet to be formally approved. The IHE Collaborative hopes to reconvene in November to discuss hosting a higher education stakeholder roundtable with Superintendent King, to provide feedback on how the District might leverage partnerships with colleges and universities in order to advance elements of the LAUSD strategic plan. In the meantime, the IHE Collaborative has been closely monitoring the development of the 2017 Governor's Awards for Innovation in Higher Education. This cycle of awards will reward 10 community college districts/campuses that plan to implement innovative practices that reduce time to degree completion and/or increase college affordability. The IHE Collaborative is working to determine if any member institutions, or coalitions of institutions, will pursue the one-time funding opportunity.

- The **Los Angeles Educator Pathways Partnership (LAEPP)** is moving forward on its goal to facilitate sharing between higher education teacher preparation programs and the Los Angeles Unified School District. Partner IHEs have submitted data files to LA Unified, the District is currently compiling the files it will return to IHEs. The partners have conducted a preliminary review of the District files and have provided feedback. LAUSD expects to complete the data sharing this fall.
- The **Student Success Workgroup** will next convene on October 27, 2016 to discuss regional partnerships that may improve transfer pathways across our two-year and four-year, public and private postsecondary institutions. Workgroup members initially flagged transfer pathways as a key area of interest, along with reverse transfer partnerships and innovations in remediation assessment and delivery. Despite some transitions in campus leadership over the summer, all six member campuses (USC, LACCD, Cal Poly Pomona, CSU Dominguez Hills, CSUN, and Cal State L.A.) continue to be actively engaged in the workgroup. Of these institutions, two were recently selected by the Lumina Foundation to receive some additional professional development and technical assistance in support of their campus-wide efforts to increase student completion. Teams from Cal State L.A. and LACCD will participate in a November training through Complete College America, courtesy of the Lumina Foundation. They will participate in a call with Complete College America staff on October 28th, in preparation of this convening.
- The **L.A. Compact Data Workgroup** continues to add data experts from our Compact partner organizations. Last month, we welcomed new members from United Teachers Los Angeles, the LA County Department of Community and Senior Services, and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (with specialists from Student Programs, Foster Youth Services, Grants Development, and Child Welfare). At our September meeting, the Compact Data Workgroup continued to discuss and weigh currently-used measures against ideal metrics. We are moving toward the identification of a set of optimal, available indicators along the full cradle-to-career spectrum that will accurately capture progress toward the L.A Compact's goals.
- The **School Readiness Workgroup (SRW)**, convened by First 5 LA, will convene on October 26th to finalize a set of activities to be implemented with the goal of fully transitioning the LA Grade-Level Reading School Readiness Workgroup (SRW) to the broader LA County school readiness context in order to effectively leverage and sustain the three SRW priority areas: Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA), Quality Rating Improvement Systems (QRIS), and Family Engagement. The October meeting will focus on finalizing the transition plan, identifying lessons learned, surveying opportunities for future collaboration and celebrating the accomplishments and success of the collaborative to date.
- The **L.A. Opportunity Youth Collaborative (LA OYC)**, convened by the Alliance for Children's Rights, is gearing up for its first Stewardship Group meeting and next Quarterly meeting on November 7th at the LA Area Chamber of Commerce.
- The **L.A. Performance Partnership Pilot (LA P3)**, convened by the L.A. City Education & Workforce Development Department, continues to roll out a regional implementation strategy and will convene the full partnership in a strategic planning retreat on October 24th at the Annenberg Foundation – Skylights Studios.